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1. On 1 December 1951, 50 single-engine ground attack aircraft and 5 biplanes were parked at Dessau airfield.

2. Between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 10 December, 50 TI-10s were counted at the field. The

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Some of the planes had red propeller hubs while others had yellow or gray hubs. (1)

3. A jet fighter landed at the field at 8:30 a.m. on 10 December. Shortly afterwards, the 16 planes with the above mentioned numbers, which were parked at the runway, took off. A few minutes after their take-off, they dived to about 20 meters above the landing field. This was repeated two or three times. The pilots were continually changed. The same practice was then performed by two planes flying in formation. A high-wing monoplane took off from the field about 10:30 a.m. and a jet fighter took off at 2 p.m. Flying was discontinued after 2 p.m. (2)

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4. At 9 a.m. on 5 December, 50 ground attack planes and 5 biplanes were parked at the field. A large radio installation was again observed there. Since the sky was overcast, there was no flying. The planes that were parked in four groups on 18 ground attack

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Boards, tarpaulins and sheet metal plates were observed on five sites in the damaged area on the northern edge of the field. (3)

5. At 8 a.m. on 8 December, the same occupation was observed at the field as on 5 December. Two water cooled heavy machine guns were observed in the back side of the cockpit of one plane.

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6. On 11 December, the ground attack planes were parked in four groups of two rows each. (3) The biplanes were separated from the ground attack aircraft.

[redacted] and red propeller hubs, while the aircraft in the rear line had whitish green propeller hubs. (1) Take-offs were made at 12:44 and 12:45 p.m. [redacted]

[redacted] which landed at 12:47 and 1:31 p.m.

A swept-back jet fighter with a [redacted] was parked among other planes on the runway. (4)

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